



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 12, 2017

Case No. F-2016-01568

Segment: PA/EX-0002

Arthur Spitzer, Esq.
American Civil Liberties Union of the Nation's Capital
4301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 434
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Spitzer:

I refer to our letter dated February 16, 2017, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") 5 U.S.C. § 552.

The review of 55 documents responsive to your request has been completed and we have determined that two may be released in full and 53 may be released with excisions. All released material is enclosed.

An enclosure explains Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, please contact DOJ Trial Attorney Ryan Parker at 202-514-4336 or ryan.parker@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weinert for

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security; including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

- (b)(6) Personal privacy information

- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Group
Subject: (* Ukraine: Why This Maidan Is DI *)
Date: Friday, June 27, 2014 9:52:27 AM
Attachments: ATT00001.png



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Clearance Request

Request Date: 6/27/2014
Request Title: (* Ukraine: Why This Maidan Is DI *)
Contact Name: [REDACTED]

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: (* Whether ISIL is a state *)
Date: Monday, June 30, 2014 11:27 AM
Attachments: ATT0001.pdf

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Create Request
Request Date: 6/30/2014 Request Title: (* Whether ISIL is a state *) Contact Name: <input type="text"/>
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

From: [redacted]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox: [redacted]
Cc: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Subject: RE: Article Review: Europe's Struggle for Democratic Legitimacy
Date: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 12:45:51 PM

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Thank you very much!

[redacted]

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

----- Original message -----

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
Date: 07/09/2014 12:43 (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted]
Cc: "Gill, Ruchi Gugliani", PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Article Review: Europe's Struggle for Democratic Legitimacy

Mr. [redacted]

PA, EUR and EB have completed its review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172 1-4) Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 11:47 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Subject: RE: Article Review: Europe's Struggle for Democratic Legitimacy

Hello,

Could someone please give me an update on the status of this clearance request. I submitted it two weeks ago as of today.

Thank you,

[redacted]

Visiting State Department Fellow,
Europe Program
Center for Strategic and International Studies
1616 Rhode Island Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036

[redacted]
Tel.: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2014 2:00 PM
To: 'PA Clearances Mailbox'
Cc: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Subject: RE: Article Review: Europe's Struggle for Democratic Legitimacy

Hello PA Clearances,

I have been waiting a week for clearance on my article, "Europe's Struggle for Democratic Legitimacy."

Please give me an update on its status, including any changes that might be necessary.

Thank you,

[redacted]

Visiting State Department Fellow,
Europe Program
Center for Strategic and International Studies
1616 Rhode Island Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036

Tel.: [redacted]

Cell: [redacted]

From: PA Clearances Mailbox (<mailto:paclearances@state.gov>)
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 4:09 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Article Review: Europe's Struggle for Democratic Legitimacy

Mr. [redacted]

We received your request for review. Other equities have been identified in this piece and have been contacted to review as well. We will notify you once the review is complete. Until then, this piece cannot be published until you receive approval from PA. Please refer to 3 FAM 4170 and if you may have questions regarding the FAM, L/PD Ruchi Gill is a good source.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

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From: [redacted]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: FW: NATO Enlargement Review Status
Date: Thursday, July 17, 2014 4:10:06 AM

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Sorry I meant to include you as well with my response.s

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 4:09 AM
To: Greenberg, Brenda L
Subject: RE: NATO Enlargement Review Status

Hi Brenda and thank you so much for your considerable assistance.

Regarding the comments concerning grammar and punctuation, I wanted to get this to State quickly because I know it takes some time for these things to be reviewed. The article has since been copy-edited and those changes made. As for the three main questions...

[redacted]

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Please let me know whether this answers the questions. And I will contact L to make certain I have the correct disclaimer language.

With gratitude, [redacted]

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Greenberg, Brenda L
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 5:00 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: NATO Enlargement Review Status

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 2:59 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Greenberg, Brenda L; PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: NATO Enlargement Review Status

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[REDACTED]

PA, T/AVC, EUR, L, and PM have completed their review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4). If you need assistance with the disclaimer language, please contact L/PD Ruchi Gill. Suggested comments and edits of T/AVC and L are provided in the attached for your review, in which PA supports. Specifically, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Can you clarify? Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Group
Subject: (" Economic Statecraft Redux: Imp ")
Date: Thursday, July 24, 2014 12:28:16 PM
Attachments: ATT00011.000

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Clearance Request

Request Date: 7/24/2014
Request Title: (" Economic Statecraft Redux: Imp ")
Contact Name: [REDACTED]

You have been selected by the PA Clearances Group to provide input to whether
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: "Colin Cookman"
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; Young, Margaret A (Meg); PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Clearance request on behalf of [redacted]
Date: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:14:16 PM

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Thank you.

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From: Colin Cookman [mailto:ccookman@state.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:14 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; Young, Margaret A (Meg)
Subject: RE: Clearance request on behalf of [redacted]

Thank you very much for the response. We will incorporate the suggested edits and proceed to publication with the disclaimer text "The views expressed here are solely those of the author, and not necessarily those of the State Department or the U.S. government."

Best regards,

Colin Cookman
 Senior Program Specialist, South and Central Asia Center
 United States Institute of Peace
 2301 Constitution Ave NW
 Washington, DC 20037
 P: [redacted]

REVIEW AUTHORITY:
 Barbara Nielsen, Senior
 Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 1:07 PM
To: Colin Cookman
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Clearance request on behalf of [redacted]

Mr. Cookman,

The Department has completed the review of your [redacted] request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that he may proceed, provided that he include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4). Suggested edits are provided in the attached. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
 PA Clearances

From: Colin Cookman [mailto:ccookman@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 3:57 PM

To: PA Clearances Mailbox

Cc: Young, Margaret A (Meg); [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: Clearance request on behalf of [redacted]

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Good afternoon,

I'm writing on behalf of [redacted] who served as an interagency fellow with the U.S. Institute of Peace from 2013-14. In the course of his fellowship, he drafted the attached 'PeaceBrief' publication for USIP, focusing on U.S. assistance to Pakistan. [redacted] has asked me to assist in coordinating clearance for publication from State, as he's now transitioned to a new role as Foreign Policy Advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations.

Meg Young is currently coordinating regional desk clearances, and in doing so advised that I contact this address to receive clearance from Public Affairs. Responses to the standard clearance questions shared by Meg follow below, and the draft (cleared by USIP) is attached. If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Thank you,

Colin Cookman

Senior Program Specialist, South and Central Asia Center

United States Institute of Peace

2301 Constitution Ave NW

Washington, DC 20037

P: [redacted]

QUESTIONS TO FOR AUTHORS WHO WISH TO HAVE MANUSCRIPTS PUBLISHED

- Are you writing in your private or official capacity? – Private.
- Will you receive remuneration outside of your Department of State salary for the article? Note L/Ethics will need to clear if you will receive remuneration. – No.
- Do you intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read? – The draft text currently includes the disclaimer (after a brief bio) that "The views expressed here are solely the author's." But this can be modified if you have a preferred alternative.
- What is your current job title and office symbol? Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)? Foreign Policy Advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations. Thus far, this has only been cleared by USIP, where [redacted] was an interagency fellow from 10/2013 to 6/2014.
- Where do you intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication? USIP.
- Does the paper relate in any way to your current duties or duties you had over the last year? It relates to [redacted] previous duties in Pakistan, as aid coordinator, from 2011-2013.

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From: [PA Clearances Mailbox](#)
 To: [\[redacted\]](#)
 Cc: [PA Clearances Mailbox](#)
 Subject: RE: Submission Returned - (* Postwar elections and democratic *)
 Date: Monday, July 28, 2014 2:17:31 PM
 Attachments: [\[redacted\]](#)

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172 J-4). Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
 PA Clearances

From: [\[redacted\]](#) (mailto:[\[redacted\]](#)@state.gov)
 Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 1:21 AM
 To: PA Clearances Mailbox
 Subject: RE: Submission Returned - (* Postwar elections and democratic *)

Good morning:

I resubmitted two items a week ago. I am currently on TDY in Tokyo, and a day ahead of DC. One of the items I submitted was for a talk this week. I am following up to make sure I've provide all of the information required in hopes of getting a green light to proceed with this activity.

Many thanks! I appreciate your help.

[\[redacted\]](#)

REVIEW
 AUTHORITY:
 Barbara
 Nielsen,
 Senior
 Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Group (mailto:[PAClearances@State.gov](#))
 Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 11:12 PM
 To: [\[redacted\]](#)
 Subject: Submission Returned - (* Postwar elections and democratic *)



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Clearance Request

Request Title: (* Postwar elections and democratic *)
 This clearance request is being returned by the PA Clearances Group so that modifications can be made.

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From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: ("China's assessment of its deve")
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 2:21:42 PM
Attachments: ATT00001.doc

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Request Date: 7/29/2014
Request Title: ("China's assessment of its deve")
Contact Name:

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: (" All Human Rights for All, Guld ")
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 9:41:27 AM
Attachments: ATT00001.doc



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Clearance Request

Request Date: 7/30/2014
Request Title: (" All Human Rights for All, Guld ")
Contact Name:

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**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
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From: [redacted]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Review Status: Leveraging America's Energy Boom: Contrasting Perspectives in Europe and China
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 11:41:44 AM

Thank you very much!

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[redacted]
Visiting State Department Fellow,
Europe Program
Center for Strategic and International Studies
1616 Rhode Island Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

Tel.: [redacted]

Cell: [redacted]

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 11:40 AM

To: [redacted]

Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: Review Status: Leveraging America's Energy Boom: Contrasting Perspectives in Europe and China

[redacted]

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4). Suggested edits are provided in the attached.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: (* U.S. National Strategy in the *)
Date: Friday, August 01, 2014 2:51:43 PM
Attachments: ATT0001.jpg

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Clearance Request

Request Date: 8/1/2014
Request Title: (* U.S. National Strategy in the *)
Contact Name: [REDACTED]

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA.Clearances@state.gov
To: PA.Clearances@state.gov
Subject: (* Diplomacy for a Diffuse World *)
Date: Friday, August 15, 2014 9:01:36 AM
Attachments: ATT0001.png

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Clearance Request

Request Date: 8/15/2014
Request Title: (* Diplomacy for a Diffuse World *)
Contact Name:

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: [redacted]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox; Maroney, Doreen V; PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: [redacted] PRISM article
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 3:00:50 AM

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Thank you. We've received clearance from the A/DCM and will, of course, include the disclaimer

Many thanks for your quick review

Kind regards,

[redacted]

REVIEW AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:00 AM

To: [redacted] PA Clearances Mailbox; [redacted]

Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: RE: [redacted] PRISM article

Dear [redacted]

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that you are Foreign Service Officers at the U.S. Department of State and the views expressed are your own and not necessarily those of the Department of State or the U.S. Government.

Additionally, we ask that you obtain clearance from your Ambassador or DCM prior to submission to the publication.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 12:09 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox; [redacted]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: [redacted] PRISM article

Here is the completed questionnaire.

[redacted]

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 11:53 PM

To: [redacted]

Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: RE: [redacted] PRISM article

[redacted]

Please fill out the publication questionnaire form that is attached. We apologize that we did not request this information earlier.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 6:49 AM

To: PA Clearances Mailbox; [redacted] PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: RE: [redacted] PRISM article

It stands for Senior Individual Project as is a specific term for Connecticut College's CISLA program (Center for International Studies in the Liberal Arts).

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

*Economic Section Chief
U.S. Embassy, Baku, Azerbaijan
(994 12) 488 3300, Ext 3552*

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 3:44 PM

To: [redacted]; PA Clearances Mailbox

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: [redacted] PRISM article

Hi [redacted]

Can you spell out SIP in the article? Not sure what that stands for.

Thanks

PA Clearances

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 5:44 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: [redacted] PRISM article

Good morning colleagues!

[redacted] and our university magazine PRISM asked us to write an article about our life in the FS and how our education prepared us for our work as diplomats. -

Here is the text of the article we would like to submit.

If we have submitted this to your inbox in error, please let us know, and many apologies.

Many thanks!

[redacted]
Acting Consular Chief
U.S. Embassy Baku, Azerbaijan

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From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: (* Right-wing Afghan National S *)
Date: Friday, September 05, 2014 3:04:29 PM
Attachments: ATT00011.doc

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Clearance Request
Request Date: 9/5/2014
Request Title: (* Right-wing Afghan National S *)
Contact Name: [REDACTED]
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: FW: Publication Review - Trends In Salafi Political Thought
Date: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 9:51:45 AM
Attachments: [REDACTED] article OT-247102918 (1).doc

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 6:28 AM
To: [REDACTED] PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Publication Review - Trends in Salafi Political Thought

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 AUTHORITY:
 Barbara Nielsen,
 Senior Reviewer

Dear [REDACTED]

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed are your own and not necessarily those of the Department of State of the U.S. Government. Suggested edits are provided in the attached document.

Sincerely,

PA Clearances

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 11:29 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: D'Elia, Gregory S
Subject: Time Sensitive Clearance Request

PA colleagues,

Ruchi Gugliani Gill in L recommended I send an email along with my online request (already submitted) for a PA clearance for a paper I wrote under the auspices of my 2013-14 Council on Foreign Relations Fellowship year's leave of absence. The purpose of the fellowship year, supported by my leadership in NEA, was to publish a scholarly paper on my area of research: Salafism in Egypt. Per L's guidance, the paper includes the disclaimer that these are solely my views and not necessarily the views of the State Department or U.S. Government. It will be launched at Brookings on September 22 with an informal discussion on the substance of the paper to a private group of invitees (around 20 people). If I show film footage (5 min), the voice-overs will only include information that is already in the paper, and speakers' identities shall not be identified.

Because Brookings requires clearance by 5pm on September 9 so that they can complete the layout and publication process on time, I would be most grateful for your expedited review.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Egypt Desk, NEA/EGY
U.S. Department of State
(202) 647-7836

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From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: ("openness in diplomacy")
Date: Monday, September 15, 2014 3:49:56 PM
Attachments: ATT0001.doc



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Denial Request

Request Date: 9/15/2014
Request Title: ("openness in diplomacy")
Contact Name:

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: (* Re: Application of Iraq *)
Date: Friday, September 19, 2014 10:05:12 AM
Attachments: ATT00001.doc

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Clearance Request
Request Date: 9/19/2014 Request Title: (* Re: Application of Iraq *) Contact Name: <input type="text"/>
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: [REDACTED]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Review of Cultural Property Advisory Committee Paper
Date: Thursday, October 02, 2014 12:43:31 PM

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Ladies and Gentlemen,
Many thanks. These comments and editorial corrections are very helpful.
With best wishes,
[REDACTED]

De : PA Clearances Mailbox [pclearances@state.gov]
Envoyé : mardi 30 septembre 2014 23:02
À : [REDACTED]
Cc : PA Clearances Mailbox
Objet : Review of Cultural Property Advisory Committee Paper

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

Dear [REDACTED]

ECA/CHC passed your paper to the Bureau of Public Affairs for review in accordance with 3 FAM 4170. The Department has completed its review and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed are your own and not necessarily those of the Department of State or the U.S. Government. Your paper is attached with suggested edits incorporated for your consideration. We have also marked edits that are required due to the application of attorney-client or deliberative process privilege. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

PA Clearances

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From: [redacted]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Review Status: Norms of Regular and Irregular Warfare
Date: Monday, October 06, 2014 1:54:06 PM

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Thanks! Will do!

[redacted]

Colonel, United States Army
Policy Planning Staff | Office of the Secretary | US Department of State
Room 7312 | 2201 C Street NW | Washington, DC 20520
[redacted]@state.gov | 1 (202) 735 7308 | BB: [redacted] | Cell: [redacted]

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 1:40 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Review Status: Norms of Regular and Irregular Warfare

REVIEW
AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

Mr. [redacted]

The Department (DoS) and Department of Defense (DoD) have completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4).

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Review Status: Foreign Police Training and Development
Date: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 11:29:48 AM
Attachments: QT-192105216 (1).doc

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[REDACTED]

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed are your own and not necessarily those of the Department of State or the U.S. Government.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: [redacted]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: [redacted] Chapter Iura Novit Tribunus (Oct 6 2014).docx
Date: Thursday, October 09, 2014 2:09:13 PM
Attachments: [redacted] article, October 9, 2014.docx

REVIEW AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

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[redacted]

The Department has completed its review and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed are your own and not necessarily those of the Department of State or the U.S. Government. Your paper is attached with suggested edits incorporated for your consideration.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 4:09 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: [redacted] Chapter Iura Novit Tribunus (Oct 6 2014).docx

Please clear the attached academic article for publication. It has been cleared by my supervisor.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Attorney Adviser
U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser
Office of International Claims and Investment Disputes
(202) 776-8431
[redacted]@state.gov

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: [redacted]
Cc: Conklin, Maegan L; Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Weapons and US on CoA
Date: Thursday, October 09, 2014 3:44:59 PM

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[redacted]

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Thank you,
PA Clearances

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer
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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 5:56 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: Conklin, Maegan L; Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Subject: FW: Weapons and US on CoA

Dear PA- Attached is a draft legal article on the "crime of aggression", co-authored with former Legal Adviser [redacted]. The chapter would be part of a book on this topic being edited and published by a German professor, who is collecting articles from those who participated in the Review Conference where the amendments on the crime of aggression were adopted. [redacted] has asked for the process to be completed by the end of the week.

I tried to sign up for an account on your web portal but received a response that said "request submitted for review"; but I still haven't received anything saying that I now have an account, so there is no way to submit it through the portal. It is for this reason that I am emailing it to you.

I believe the relevant offices for clearing this are L and J/GCJ, and have already sent copies of the article to both those offices to give them a head-start. In any event, the article is not very long and should not take long to review.

Because [redacted] has asked for review by the end of the week, I would appreciate anything you can do to expedite the process, and in any event please let me know if you anticipate a problem meeting his deadline.

Thanks very much,

[redacted]

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: Fowler, Valerie C; Thornburg, Mark H
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Media Request for Yaniv Barzilai
Date: Monday, October 20, 2014 2:14:54 PM

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Val and Mark,

For your review and clearance. Interview request was received through the Database today but sending via e-mail for your convenience. Yaniv Barzilai is the author of 102 Day of War – How Osama bin Laden, al Qaeda & the Taliban Survived 2001, which was released in January 2014. Previous media requests regarding his book were cleared by Dana and Mark specifically.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara
Nielsen, Senior Reviewer**

Interview Request

Date: 11/01/14

Media Outlet: Cicero Magazine

Topic: Book, 102 Days of War

Correspondent's Name: Lionel Beehner

Attribution: On-the-Record

Recommendation: Clear with standard caveats

Comments: I will adhere to the previous guidelines that we (PA and SCA) agreed to, including not discussing ongoing policy issues in Afghanistan.

From:
To: [PA Clearances Mailbox](#)
Cc: [PA Clearances Mailbox](#)
Subject: RE: Clearance Status for - (*Statistical Analysis of PM2.5 *)
Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 12:09:58 PM

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Many thanks for the corrections! Best regards,

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

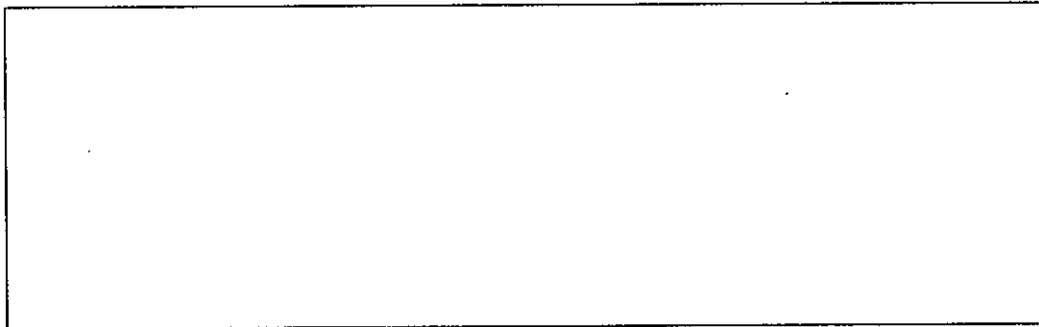
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Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Clearance Status for - (*Statistical Analysis of PM2.5 *)

Please see attachment; edits on pages 4 and 26 Thank you.

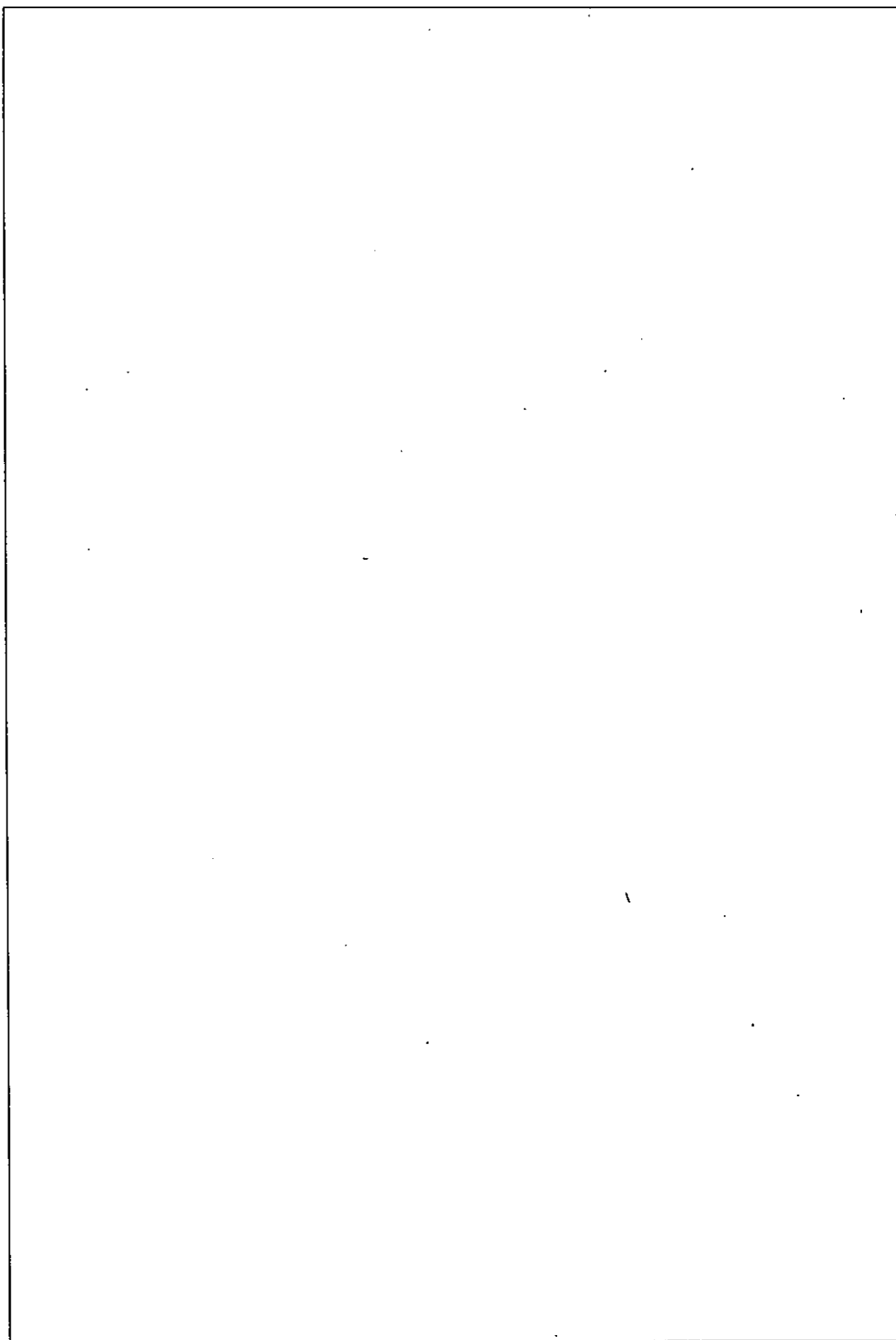
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To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Clearance Status for - (*Statistical Analysis of PM2.5 *)

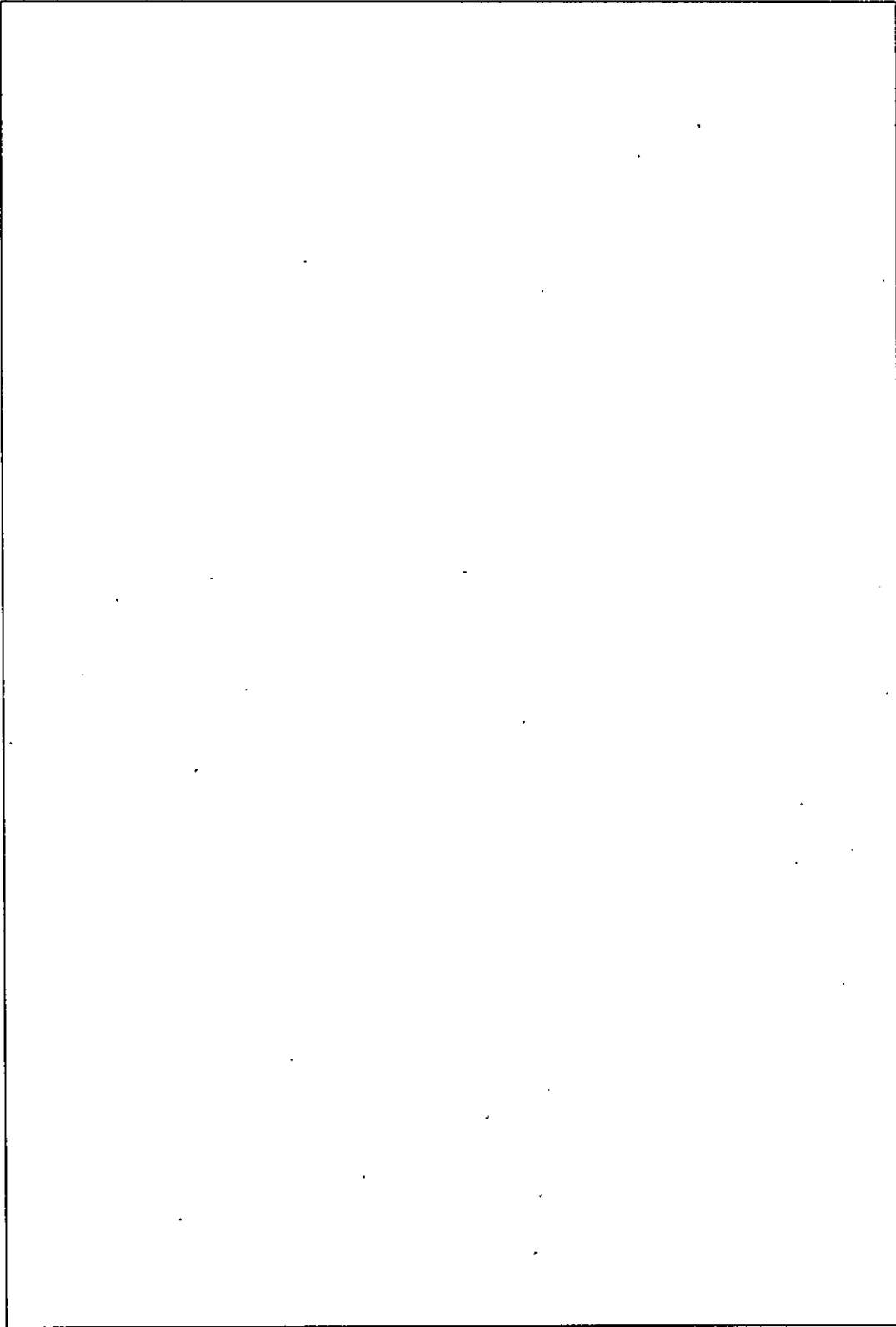
Colleagues,

Thank you for your review and the clearance. Your clearance indicated that you included suggested edits for my consideration. I will be happy to consider those – and tried to do so, but the link you provided sent me to edits to a document that are clearly not mine. I have appended those edits below. Can you attach those edits to an email and send them to me? Thank you,

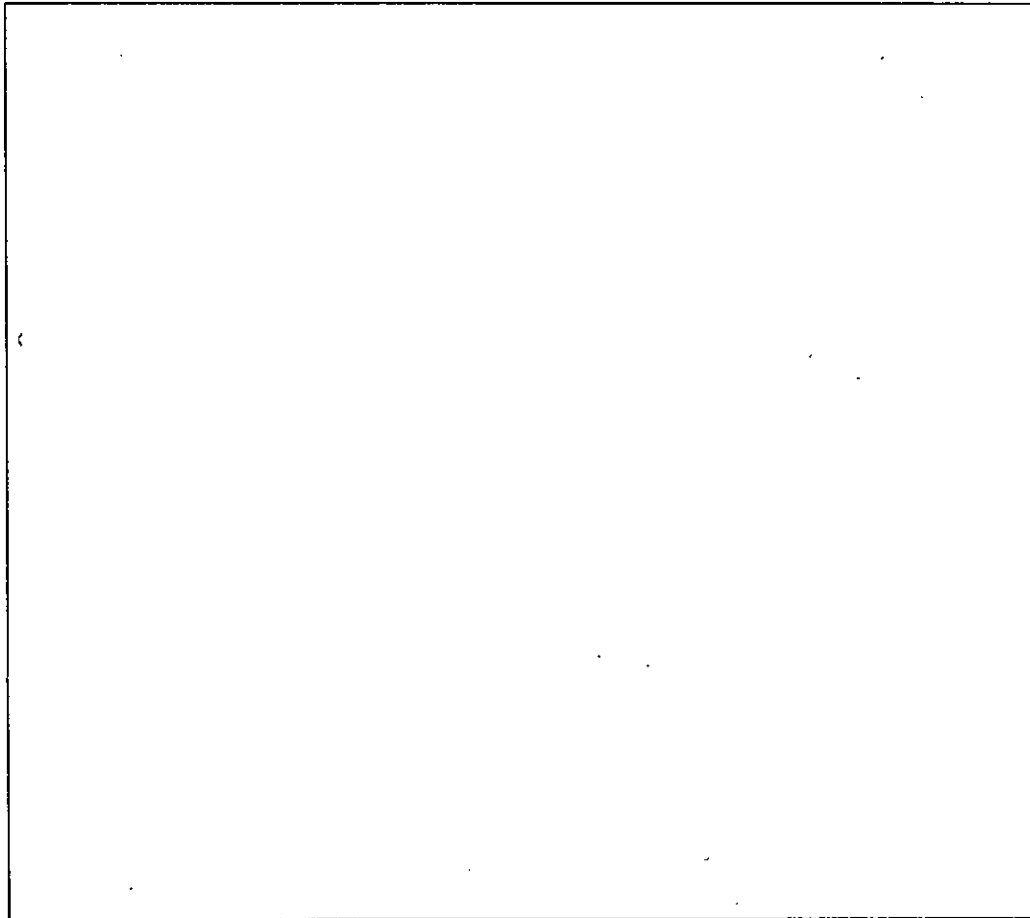


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Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 3:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Clearance Status for - (*Statistical Analysis of PM2.5 *)

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[REDACTED]

Clearance Request Resolution

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Clearance Request Title: (*Statistical Analysis of PM2.5 *)

Clearance Request Submitter:

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This Request has been Approved.

Approved with Caveat:

PA Clearances Mailbox - :

The Department has completed its review and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed are your own and not necessarily those of the Department of State or the U.S. Government. Your paper is attached with suggested edits incorporated for your consideration.

Please click this link to view the attachments with edits

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: (* For a Postcolonial Ecocritical *)
Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 12:50:40 PM
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Request Title: (* For a Postcolonial Ecocritical *)
Contact Name:

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: (* The Status of the Prohibition *)
Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 4:02:42 PM
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Clearance Request
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Request Title: (* The Status of the Prohibition *)
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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: Fowler, Valerie C
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: PA Clearances
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2014 4:00:15 PM

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Your welcome and thank you.

From: Fowler, Valerie C [mailto:FowlerVC@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 3:50 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: PA Clearances

Y'all did everything perfectly. I was frustrated with his tone, below. Thanks for the update. I'll write him back, copying you all. (devilish smile)

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 3:43 PM
To: Fowler, Valerie C
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: PA Clearances

Yep. Cleared and author was notified this afternoon. ENR took some time getting back with us. ☺

From: Fowler, Valerie C [mailto:FowlerVC@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 3:40 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: FW: PA Clearances

Heads up.

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From: Fowler, Valerie C
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 3:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PA Clearances

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[REDACTED]
Thanks for your email. What is the publication deadline for the piece on energy security that you submitted on Friday? If it is a tight deadline, did you indicate that to our clearances team?

This is the third work day since your submission; I would note that the established process calls for up to a 30 day clearance period for articles written for publication, so it is quite possible that the bureaus that were sent your article to clear were not given a deadline of less than a week unless you indicated a pressing deadline. It is a bit of a leap to suggest that three work days translates into an inability to get clearance from the Department.

Let's work together on this. Please send me a copy of the email you sent to PA Clearances, and I'll see where your article stands in terms of clearances requested and received.

Best Regards,

Valerie

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 11:56 AM
To: Fowler, Valerie C
Subject: PA Clearances

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Greetings. I am an FSO on a detail to the German Marshall Fund this year. I have written a short piece on energy security in Europe that I sent to PA Clearances last Friday. It is still pending and I am not getting responses to my requests for updates. I also tried calling this morning and no one answered. Sorry to bother you about this but GMF would like me to contribute pieces for their think tank work and I would like to do so, but if I cannot get things cleared by the Dept that is a problem. I can always ghost write for others but that is not my first choice.

Thank you.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Senior Resident Fellow
The German Marshall Fund of the United States
1744 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009
[redacted]

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Group
Subject: (* Tunisia elections *)
Date: Monday, November 24, 2014 9:15 53 AM
Attachments: ATT00001.doc

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: Pappas, Demitra M; PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: ISN-SCO-DL
Subject: RE: ISN - Publication Review - Dissertation on IAEA
Date: Friday, December 05, 2014 7:00:03 AM

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Understood. Thank you

From: Pappas, Demitra M [mailto:PappasDM@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2014 4:42 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: ISN-SCO-DL
Subject: FW: ISN - Publication Review - Dissertation on IAEA

REVIEW AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

ISN/SCO has reviewed the attached document and has no objection to its public release.

ISN/SCO notes that this consent to public release should not be interpreted as necessarily endorsing the methodology, analytical framework, thesis, or conclusions, including policy proscriptions, contained in the document.

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 7:47 AM
To: ISN-SCO-DL
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: ISN - Publication Review - Dissertation on IAEA

ISN Colleagues,

For your review, attached is a 541-page dissertation on the IAEA written in a private capacity by [redacted] an LES employee in the Information Office at the US Embassy in Vienna. We would appreciate hearing from you by **COB Friday, October 31**. Please see [redacted] responses to the standard questions for additional details.

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**QUESTIONS TO FOR AUTHORS WHO WISH TO HAVE MANUSCRIPTS
PUBLISHED**

- Author's name, current job title and office symbol: [redacted] Public Affairs Assistant, IO Vienna
- Author's Bureau/Office Symbol: IO Vienna
- Is the author writing in a private or official capacity: Private

- Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her State Department salary for the article? No
- Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read?
All opinions expressed herein are my own, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. State Department, the organization for which I work
- Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)?
Acting DCM Jody Daniel and Charge Tom Hushek in Vienna
- Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication?
Süddeutscher Verlag für Hochschulschriften publishing house.
- Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year? No

PA is charged with reviewing documents on subjects of official concern written by State Department employees in their private capacities. In doing so, we may consult with relevant bureaus.

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1. If it contains classified information;
2. If it contains information not releasable under FOIA (e.g., protected employee information, law enforcement information, etc.);
3. If it is "highly likely to result in serious adverse consequences to the efficiency or mission of the Department."

If you believe the author's communication meets any of the above criteria, please provide a detailed explanation.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: McKeeby, David I
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry
Date: Monday, December 01, 2014 4:36:22 PM
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FYI: Additional comments from PM/PI for the author's consideration.

David I. McKeeby
Office of Congressional & Public Affairs
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/CPA)
U.S. Department of State

REVIEW
AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

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From: McKeeby, David I
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 1:16 PM
To: 'PA Clearances Mailbox'
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

FYI: Additional Comments from PM's Global Peace Operations Initiative.

David I. McKeeby
Office of Congressional & Public Affairs
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/CPA)
U.S. Department of State

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From: McKeeby, David I
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 9:20 AM
To: 'PA Clearances Mailbox'; Paul, Joshua M
Cc: Featherstone, Rachel L; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

Clear for PM with attached edits. Our program folks have reviewed and discussed with the author, who also comment that as far as we're concerned, "the red lines are on pages 6 and 7 and deleting the chart on page 15."

Thanks,
Dave

David I. McKeeby
Office of Congressional & Public Affairs
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/CPA)
U.S. Department of State

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [<mailto:paclearances@state.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 1:10 PM
To: McKeeby, David I; Paul, Joshua M
Cc: Featherstone, Rachel L; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: FW: Publication Inquiry

PM Colleagues – Please let us know if you have any issues/concerns with this article moving forward to publication. PA has reviewed and with the other clearances being in place, PA is fine with it going forward. Thank you.

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From: [redacted] (mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)
 Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 4:55 PM
 To: PA Clearances Mailbox; Conklin, Maegan L
 Cc: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; PA Clearances Mailbox
 Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

Please see my answers to the questions below. I have again attached the paper to the email. Thank you!

Best,

[redacted]

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara.Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

Publication Questionnaire

- What is the author's first and last name, current job title and office symbol? [redacted]
 [redacted] Military CT Programs Coordinator, Africa Bureau, however I will be publishing under the following title: [redacted] Programs Coordinator, OBXtek, Inc.
- Is the author writing in his/her private capacity or official capacity? **Private Capacity**
- Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her Department of State salary for the article? **No.**
- Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read? **Yes, "All opinions and analysis are [redacted] own and do not reflect official positions of the State Department or the U.S. government."**
- Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)? **Yes.**

It has been reviewed by the following offices/individuals:

- AF Bureau: Kathy Dhanani (Office Director, AF/RSA), and Dan Epstein (Senior CT Policy Officer)
- CT Bureau: Vic Nelson (West Africa/TSCTP Regional Affairs Officer)
- INR: Ahren Schaefer N/W Africa TNC Analyst

The following offices have received it for clearances, however they are getting back to me as quickly as possible:

- OSD/AF: Gabe Chinchilla (TSCTP Regional Director)
- PM: Rachel Featherstone (AF/NEA Security Assistance Team Lead)

• Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication? **Naval Post Graduate School (NPS) volume of articles that authors presented at a December 2010 conference on AFRICOM and African Security Issues**

• Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year? **Yes.**

[redacted]

Military Counterterrorism Programs Coordinator

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 4:37 PM

To: Conklin, Maegan L; [redacted]

Cc: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

Thank you Maegan! [redacted] please provide the answers to the publication questionnaire form below. We also request that you provide a copy of the book in a word document. We will process the review as soon as this information is received.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

Publication Questionnaire

- What is the author's first and last name, current job title and office symbol?
 - Is the author writing in his/her private capacity or official capacity?
 - Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her Department of State salary for the article?
 - Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read?
 - Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)?
 - Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication?
 - Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year?
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From: Conklin, Maegan L [mailto:ConklinML@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 3:26 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: [redacted] Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

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PA Clearances: [redacted]

[redacted] Andrea will send you a copy of the article as well as a list of those offices she has already had review it. Please let her know if you need anything else. Also note that she is appropriately proposing to use a disclaimer to make clear the views expressed are her own and not those of the USG.

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2014 9:04 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

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Good morning [redacted]

You may contact Ruchi Gill in L/PD 202-632-6473.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 4:46 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

Hello,
Is there any one I could speak with to ask a few follow up questions over the phone? I would sincerely appreciate it.
Best,
[redacted]

[redacted]
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BB: [redacted]



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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 2:50 PM

To: [redacted]

Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

Your welcome [redacted] 3 FAM 4170 only applies to personal service contractors. For third-party contractors, the assumption is that their contracts will address the type of prepublication review required. Could you check your contract and follow up with Ruchi Gill in L/PD? I can answer any questions you may have.

Also, just want to point out the statement re an FTE, "it would be understandable that [you] could not publish a piece analyzing some of the challenges and things we could do better (policy and programs)," is not accurate. FTE's can publish on these issues as long as they go through the review process and receive approval.

We hope this helps.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 11:57 AM

To: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

Hello,

Thank you so much for getting back to me. I am a third party contractor. Would it be possible to discuss this over the phone?

Thank you so much,

[redacted]

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:pa_clearances@state.gov]

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 11:56 AM

To: [redacted]

Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

[redacted]

Thank you for your email. Could you clarify in which status do you hold as a contractor for State?
Third-party contractor or a personal services contractor?

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]

Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 2:24 PM

To: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: Publication Inquiry

Hello,

I am a contractor in AF/RSA. I reached out to AF/PA a few weeks ago to inquire whether I can publish an article that relates directly to my current work. I was told yes, and that it would need to follow the regular clearance process.

However in submitting the piece to my Office Director she wants me to inquire whether as a contractor, who will be publishing in my personal capacity (not on behalf of the USG), I am held to the same standards as a FTE? Whereas if I was a FTE it would be understandable that I could not publish a piece analyzing some of the challenges and things we could do better (policy and programs), however does the same apply for contractors? Does it make a difference if I publish stating my position as an Obxtek, Inc. Program Analyst? If someone could please give me a call to discuss I would be most appreciative. Thank you so much in advance.

Best,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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From: Ford, Rodney D
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 5:30 PM
To: [redacted] AF-PA-Clearances
Subject: RE: Publication Inquiry

[redacted] has anyone responded to your inquiry?

We would clear through CT, the desks of any country that you specifically mention, and PA.

Rodney

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2014 1:05 PM
To: AF-PA-Clearances
Subject: Publication Inquiry

Hello AF/PA Team,

I have written an article for publication in an academic journal, and I just wanted to inquire about the steps I need to take to clear it through AF/PA? Could you please let me know who I need to clear it with or send it to? The article focuses on my work – security sector assistance to Africa in support of counterterrorism. Thank you very much in advance.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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Bureau of African Affairs
U.S. Department of State
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From: [redacted]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Re: Clearance Request - USIP Blog Post By [redacted]
Date: Tuesday, December 02, 2014 2:38:02 PM

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Thank you. Best regards.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2014, at 12:40 PM, "PA Clearances Mailbox" <paclearances@state.gov> wrote:

[redacted]

REVIEW
AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Government. Legal requires a disclaimer (even if employees do not use their titles) because one could easily do an internet search and find out that an author is affiliated with the Department.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 11:48 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Clearance Request - USIP Blog Post By [redacted]

Dear PA Clearances:

I am on detail to the U.S. Institute for Peace, where I am an Interagency Professional in Residence. I have written the attached blog post for USIP's "Olive Branch" blog. It would run with a disclaimer at the end.

Since it is for a blog, I request expeditious clearance – by noon on December 1.

Please advise.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Disclaimer for Consulate Chengdu book for publication on US-China cooperation during WWII
Date: Monday, December 01, 2014 1:38:53 PM

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From: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani [mailto:Gillrg@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 1:19 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Disclaimer for Consulate Chengdu book for publication on US-China cooperation during WWII

REVIEW
AUTHORITY:
Barbara
Nielsen,
Senior
Reviewer

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:padclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 1:06 PM
To: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Disclaimer for Consulate Chengdu book for publication on US-China cooperation during WWII

From: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani [mailto:Gillrg@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 12:57 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: FW: Disclaimer for Consulate Chengdu book for publication on US-China cooperation during WWII

Hi guys,

Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

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Thanks,
Ruchi

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Moreland, Melissa R
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 11:55 AM
To: Legal-PD-DL
Cc: EAP-P-Office-DL
Subject: Disclaimer for Consulate Chengdu book for publication on US-China cooperation during WWII

L/PD-The attached book will be published and distributed by the U.S. Consulate in Chengdu as one of their official projects. The Office of the Historian has cleared, as has PA. Could you please advise on what disclaimer to use, if any, for this book published by the Consulate? Thanks so much.

QUESTIONS TO ASK AUTHORS WHO WISH TO HAVE MANUSCRIPTS PUBLISHED

- What is the author's first and last name, current job title and office symbol?
U.S. Consulate Chengdu
- Is the author writing in his/her private capacity or official capacity?
Public Capacity
- Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her Department of State salary for the article? Note L/Ethics will need to clear if you will receive remuneration.
No – the book will be distributed by the Consulate for free
- Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read?
If a disclaimer is necessary, we would love to get some language for the Department that is appropriate for this type of book.
- Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)?
Former Consul General Peter Haymond
Department of State Office of the Historian Joseph C. Wicentowski
- Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication?

N/A

- Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year?

N/A

Melissa R. Moreland

Public Affairs Specialist

Office of Public Affairs

Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP/P)

U.S. Department of State

☎ desk 202-736-4537

✉ morelandmr@state.gov

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Publication Review Status: Strategies for conservation of marine resources in Fijian villages
Date: Monday, December 01, 2014 3:11:32 PM

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As mentioned, 3 FAM 4170 requires Department employees to use the following disclaimer for all personal capacity writings on matters of official concern: "The views expressed are those of [the employee] and not necessarily those of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Government."
 Since you don't reference your current position in your bio, we agree that there is no need to draw special attention to the State Department in the disclaimer language. We recommend that the disclaimer states that the views presented in the article are yours alone and not necessarily those of the U.S. Government. Legal requires a disclaimer (even if employees do not use their titles) because one could easily do an internet search and find out that an author is affiliated with the Department. If you have further questions/concerns regarding the disclaimer language, you may contact L/PD for assistance. They might frame a language that is more suitable for you.

Thank you,
 PA Clearances

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
 Senior Reviewer

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 1:58 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Publication Review Status: Strategies for conservation of marine resources in Fijian villages

Hello,

Thank you for your prompt review of my article. I have a question about the disclaimer that you required- in the article the only affiliation that I have listed is with the University of Florida (where I attended graduate school). Because the article does not mention in any way my affiliation with the US Government, is it still necessary for me to include the disclaimer "that the views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Government." ?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 8:25 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Publication Review Status: Strategies for conservation of marine resources in Fijian villages

[REDACTED]

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed in this article are those of

the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Government.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 1:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Publication Review: Strategies for conservation of marine resources in Fijian villages

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[REDACTED]

Can you provide a word document version of this manuscript? Are edits possible, or are you requesting we (State Department) review it in its entirety as is?

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [REDACTED]
 To: PA Clearances Mailbox
 Subject: RE: Clearance Status for - (*Scientific paper on air pollut*)
 Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 4:31:46 PM

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Thanks a lot! And will do on the disclaimer shown below.

Best,

[REDACTED]

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
 Senior Reviewer

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: PA Clearances Group [mailto:padclearances@state.gov]
 Sent: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 4:02 PM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Clearance Status for - (*Scientific paper on air pollut*)

Clearance Request Resolution

Clearance Request Title: (*Scientific paper on air pollut*)

Clearance Request Submitter: [REDACTED]

This Request has been Approved.

Approved with Caveat:

PA Clearances Mailbox - :

[REDACTED] The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4). We recommend that the disclaimer states, The views expressed in this paper are solely the authors' and do not necessarily reflect those of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Government.

From: [REDACTED]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Publication Review Status - Investor-State Dispute Settlement: A Reality Check
Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 3:20:26 PM

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Thank you very much for coordinating the review and providing clearance. Please pass our thanks to those who reviewed the paper as well. We will absolutely include the disclaimer. Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 3:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Publication Review Status - Investor-State Dispute Settlement: A Reality Check

[REDACTED]

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Government.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: (" Immigration ")
Date: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 2:48:05 PM
Attachments: 6320001.L001

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Group
To: PA Clearances Group
Subject: (* "Consular Work can be Hazardous")
Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 5:18:29 AM
Attachments: ATT00001.png

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(Formerly PA Clearances Mailbox)

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Request Date: 12/16/2014
Request Title: (* "Consular Work can be Hazardous")
Contact Name: PRESS, CA

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

From: [redacted]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Re: Submission Returned - (* Review of The Taliban: Afghani *)
Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 5:16:41 AM

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Excellent, thanks! I appreciate the quick turnaround.

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

<http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=www.102daysofwar.com>

On Tue, Dec 16, 2014 at 2:14 PM, PA Clearances Mailbox <paclearances@state.gov> wrote:

Dear [redacted]

If you have COM approval, you are cleared to proceed.

Thank you.

PA Clearances

REVIEW
AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 10:08 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Re: Submission Returned - (* Review of The Taliban: Afghani *)

Dear PA clearances,

After receiving your feedback, I submitted my article for COM approval. Chargé Dereck Hogan has approved the draft. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best,

[redacted]

[REDACTED] || <http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=www.102daysofwar.com>

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On Dec 15, 2014, at 3:54 PM, PA Clearances Group <PAClearances@State.Gov> wrote:

<mime-attachment.png>

Clearance Request

Request Title: (* Review of The Taliban: Afghani *)

This clearance request is being returned by the PA Clearances Group so that modifications can be made.

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: McKeeby, David I
Cc: PM-CPA; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Circulating for PA Clearances: Clearance Request: Article for Publication (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Friday, December 19, 2014 1:47:22 PM
Attachments: ISIS Counter Strategy Clearance (2).docx

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David,

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that the author may proceed, provided that the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4) is included.

The paper is attached with tracked edits incorporated for the author's consideration.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer
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From: McKeeby, David I [mailto:McKeebyDI@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 3:29 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PM-CPA
Subject: Circulating for PA Clearances: Clearance Request: Article for Publication (UNCLASSIFIED)

PA Clearances colleagues:

Please see below and attached from one of PM's Foreign Policy Advisors, who is looking to offer the attached article for publication to the Yale Journal of International Affairs. Would PA Clearances please circulate to NEA, S/SECI, and PM, please?

Author's questionnaire as follows:

Author's name, current job title and office symbol: Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor, National Guard Bureau

Author's Bureau/Office Symbol: PM/POLAD

Is the author writing in a private or official capacity: Private

Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her State Department salary for the article? No

Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read? Yes:

is a U.S. Foreign Service Officer currently assigned to Washington, DC. previous Foreign Service assignments include economic, political and consular work in London and Manama, Bahrain. Before joining the Foreign Service, was a counter-terrorism desk officer and military officer with two tours in Iraq and deployments to Afghanistan and Haiti. holds a bachelor's from the University of Michigan and a master's from the Fletcher School. These views are written in a private capacity and are not necessarily reflective of U.S. policy.

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Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)? Supervisor, Tom Niblock (SFS)

Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication? The Yale Journal of International Affairs

Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year? No, this essay is based on independent research and analysis.

Thanks,
Dave

David I. McKeeby
Office of Congressional & Public Affairs
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/CPA)
U.S. Department of State

Phone: 202.647.8757 | BlackBerry: [REDACTED] | Fax: 202.647.4055
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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 2:53 PM
To: McKeeby, David I
Subject: Clearance Request: Article for Publication (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Hi again Dave. I have another article (attached) for publication that I need your help in clearing. Best, [REDACTED]

Author's name, current job title and office symbol: [REDACTED] Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor, National Guard Bureau

Author's Bureau/Office Symbol: PM/POLAD

Is the author writing in a private or official capacity: Private

Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her State Department salary for the article? No

Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read? Yes:

[REDACTED] is a U.S. Foreign Service Officer currently assigned to Washington, DC. [REDACTED] previous Foreign Service assignments include economic, political and consular work in London and Manama, Bahrain. Before joining the Foreign Service, [REDACTED] was a counter-terrorism desk officer and military officer with two tours in Iraq and deployments to Afghanistan and Haiti. [REDACTED] holds a bachelor's from the University of Michigan and a master's from the Fletcher School. These views are written in a private capacity and are not necessarily reflective of U.S. policy.

Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)? Supervisor, Tom Niblock (SFS)

Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication? The Yale Journal of International Affairs

Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year? No, this essay is based on independent research and analysis.

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

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From: [redacted]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: CLEARANCE -- Archipelagic States article...
Date: Monday, December 22, 2014 4:16:29 PM

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Many thanks!

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara
Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2014 2:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: CLEARANCE -- Archipelagic States article...

[redacted]

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed to publish in an official capacity. Please note that the disclaimer is no longer needed since article will be published in authors' official capacity. It is understood that both authors will add a disclaimer if the decision to publish in a private capacity is later made (see 3 FAM 4170).

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2014 10:46 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: CLEARANCE -- Archipelagic States article...

Just checking in on clearance status, as publisher is querying me

Thx!

[redacted]

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2014 1:41 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: CLEARANCE -- Archipelagic States article...

You may find this out through PA channels, but L (Oliver Lewis) and OES (Evan Bloom, in lieu of Greg O'Brien [redacted]) have cleared
Thx!
Kevin

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 10:16 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: CLEARANCE -- Archipelagic States article...

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Thanks. The information is below.

[redacted]

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:pa_clearances@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 10:07 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: CLEARANCE -- Archipelagic States article...

Sorry about that. Here is the information that we need:

- What is the author's first and last name, current job title and office symbol?

[redacted] Attorney-Adviser, L/OES
Maritime Geographer, OES/OPA

- Is the author writing in his/her private capacity or official capacity?

Official, but if this is objectionable we can make it private. The article summarizes official USG studies, so the material we are describing has already been published by the Department; we are summarizing, condensing, and pulling out the interesting details in this article.

- Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her Department of State salary for the article? Note L/Ethics will need to clear if you will receive remuneration.

No, there will be no remuneration.

- Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read?

No, unless we are advised that we should publish the piece in our private capacity.

- Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)?

L/OES has cleared (see Oliver Lewis, Clifton Johnson) OES/OPA should provide a clearance by Friday (see Greg O'Brien)

- Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication?

The publisher is Taylor & Francis, and the journal is *Ocean Development & International Law*. The piece was originally accepted for publication in mid-2015, but the publisher now wishes to expedite its release in the first issue of 2015. Had I know, I would have submitted this for clearance earlier.

- Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year?

Yes ☐ and I are the primary analysts for the Department of State's "Limits in the Seas" publications from 2014 (available [here](#)). The article we are seeking to publish is a summary of the findings of all these studies (mostly from 2014), which have been cleared within the State Department (including relevant posts), DOD, Navy, and NOAA.

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You can submit this information via e-mail.

Thank you

PA Clearances

From: ☐ [mailto:☐@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 8:54 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Re: CLEARANCE -- Archipelagic States article...

Sorry, which questions? I don't see any below.

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 02:44 AM
To: ☐ PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: CLEARANCE -- Archipelagic States article...

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Please provide answers to the questions below so we can begin the review process of your article

Thank you

PA Clearances

From: ☐ [mailto:☐@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 4:30 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: CLEARANCE -- Archipelagic States article...
Importance: High

Dear PA Clearances – attached for PA clearance is an article that I planning to publish with [redacted] (OES/OPA) as co-author. The publisher is Taylor & Francis, and the journal is *Ocean Development & International Law*. Originally the publisher told that the publication date would be mid-2015, but the publisher now wishes to expedite its release in the first issue of 2015.

The manuscript is currently in clearance with L (Oliver Lewis and Clifton Johnson) and OES (Greg O'Brien). I've asked them for clearances by **COB Friday**.

Absent objection, we intend to publish this in our official capacity. The reason is that the entire premise of the article is to summarize the key findings of the State Department-published studies that [redacted] and I authored. These "Limits in the Seas" studies can be found on the OES website, here (mainly studies 128-142). These studies reflect USG views and have been cleared by appropriate desks, posts, and the interagency (DOD, Navy, NOAA, NGA).

Most of the article is derived directly from the LIS studies. In terms of the remainder of the content, it's mainly connective tissue, introductory content (eg background about Part IV of the Law of the Sea Convention), the conclusions, and a few areas where we went a bit further in our analysis than we did in the Limits in the Seas studies. I've highlighted these latter instances in yellow, for easy identification. None seem controversial, nor do the conclusions.

I would be happy to discuss any of this by phone if that helps.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Office of the Legal Adviser (L/OES)
303-497-5157 (office)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Iraq Diaries Review Status
Date: Tuesday, December 23, 2014 6:05:34 PM

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you very much, and happy holidays to all of you

Regards

[REDACTED]

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara
Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2014 1:19 PM

To: [REDACTED] (Foreign Relations) ([REDACTED]); [REDACTED]

Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: Iraq Diaries Review Status

Dear [REDACTED],

The Department, CIA and Department of Defense have completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed in this manuscript are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Government.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: [REDACTED] PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Publication Review - The Turkish Military's Opposition to combatting the Islamic State
Date: Wednesday, December 24, 2014 7:19:50 AM

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Dear [REDACTED]

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed in this manuscript are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Government.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

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From: [redacted]
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Publication Review - East Two Pumps
Date: Monday, December 29, 2014 9:07:47 AM

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Good news. Very many thanks.

[redacted]

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REVIEW AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:padearances@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2014 9:07 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Publication Review - East Two Pumps

Dear [redacted]

The Department has completed the review of your request pursuant to 3 FAM 4170 and determined that you may proceed, provided that you include the disclaimer required for personal capacity public communications (see 3 FAM 4172.1-4), that the views expressed in this manuscript are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Government.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: Carew, Nasserie
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: ODE, Nasserie- Blog Post Review - Reinvigorating the Presidential Management Fellowship
Date: Tuesday, December 30, 2014 5:11:25 PM

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Clear.

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REVIEW AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2014 10:49 AM
To: Carew, Nasserie; PAODE-DL
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: ODE, Nasserie- Blog Post Review - Reinvigorating the Presidential Management Fellowship

ODE and Nasserie:

The attached blog post has been cleared by M, DGHR and A Bureau. The author has requested clearance by 4 pm today if possible.

For your review/clearance.

Thank you.

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2014 12:44 PM
To: Greenberg, Brenda L; Bernish, Renee C; Maier, Christina A
Cc: A Front Special Assistants; Curley, Susan A; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: A, M, and DGHR Publication Review - Reinvigorating the Presidential Management Fellowship

Dear SCA, NEA and EUR Colleagues:

For your review, attached is a 3-page blog post entitled " Reinvigorating the Presidential Management Fellowship," written in private capacity by a State Department employee who is the Chair of the Presidential Management Fellowship Advisory Council of the U.S. Department of State and USAID.

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As the author has a tight deadline, we would appreciate hearing from you by COB Tuesday, December 30. Please see attached responses to the standard questions for additional details.

**QUESTIONS TO FOR AUTHORS WHO WISH TO HAVE MANUSCRIPTS
PUBLISHED**

- What is the author's first and last name, current job title and office symbol?
- Program Officer, PM/SA
- Is the author writing in his/her private capacity or official capacity? **Private**

- Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her Department of State salary for the article? Note L/Ethics will need to clear if you will receive remuneration. No
- Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read?
Yes: The views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. government.
- Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)? **PM**
- Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication?
Washington Post Federal Eye blog
- Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year? No

PA is charged with reviewing documents on subjects of official concern written by State Department employees in their private capacities. In doing so, we may consult with relevant bureaus.

Under 3 FAM 4170, there are three circumstances in which an employee's personal capacity public communication may be prohibited:

1. If it contains classified information;
2. If it contains information not releasable under FOIA (e.g., protected employee information, law enforcement information, etc.);
3. If it is "highly likely to result in serious adverse consequences to the efficiency or mission of the Department."

If you believe the author's communication meets any of the above criteria, please provide a detailed explanation.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: Moreland, Melissa R
Cc: EAP-P-Office-DL; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Hong Kong: Clearance for article (not in official capacity)
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 2:31:44 PM

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Melissa,

Given the content of the piece, PA wouldn't need to review because it's not on a matter of "official concern" (defined 3 FAM 4170).

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: Moreland, Melissa R [mailto:MorelandMR@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 11:46 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: EAP-P-Office-DL
Subject: Hong Kong: Clearance for article (not in official capacity)

PA Clearances-Please find attached an article submitted by U.S. Consulate General Hong Kong Department of Defense Officer [redacted] for possible publication by U.S. media. [redacted] would like clearance to publish this article not in his official capacity. He has already submitted the article for clearance through DOD channels (see attached clearance request.) Do we still need to obtain PA clearance since this officer has DOD approval to publish? Please advise.

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Melissa R. Moreland
Public Affairs Specialist
Office of Public Affairs
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U.S. Department of State
desk. 202-736-4537
✉ morelandmr@state.gov

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

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From:
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Re: Clearance - article - matter not of official concern
Date: Monday, May 19, 2014 1:36:54 PM

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Great. Many thanks.

Respectfully,

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara
 Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 01:32 PM Eastern Standard Time
To:
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Clearance - article - matter not of official concern

We agree that your piece is not on a matter of official concern and therefore does not require PA review. Per 3 FAM 4172 1-4, a disclaimer is only necessary if your communication is on a matter of official concern.

Thank you,
 PA Clearances

From: [mailto:@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 12:12 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Clearance - article - matter not of official concern

Consistent with the procedures outlined in 3 FAM 4170 et. seq. I am submitting the attached article for clearance by the Bureau of Public Affairs. While neither the topic nor substance of my article deals with a "matter of official concern," I am nonetheless submitting it to PA for clearance. Given that the article does not deal with a matter of official concern, I would appreciate PA's input with respect to the disclaimer contained in the by-line. Is such a disclaimer still necessary? Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions whatsoever.

Respectfully,

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From: Morrison, Chris A
To: PA Clearances Mailbox; PA Clearances Mailbox; PA HO Management Team; Husain, Aiyaz
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox; The Office of the Historian
Subject: RE: PA/HO: Publication Review: Jus Cogens: International Law and Social Contract
Date: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:23:43 AM

OK, thanks!
Chris

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara
Nielsen, Senior Reviewer

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:23 AM
To: Morrison, Chris A; PA Clearances Mailbox; PA HO Management Team; Husain, Aiyaz
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox; The Office of the Historian
Subject: RE: PA/HO: Publication Review: Jus Cogens: International Law and Social Contract

Chris:

Thank you, but we just learned from L that since the publication was written before Mr. [redacted] internship at the State Department began and will be published after it ends, PA clearance s no longer required.

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No further action is needed.

Thank you for your assistance.

PA Clearances

From: Morrison, Chris A [mailto:MorrisonCA@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:19 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox; PA HO Management Team; Husain, Aiyaz
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox; The Office of the Historian
Subject: RE: PA/HO: Publication Review: Jus Cogens: International Law and Social Contract

Aiyaz Husain will be POC.

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2014 10:28 AM
To: PA HO Management Team
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox; The Office of the Historian
Subject: PA/HO: Publication Review: Jus Cogens: International Law and Social Contract

PA/HO Colleagues,

Sending this manuscript concurrently to you for review (as it is 500pgs).

Would appreciate your comments by COB Monday, December 29. Please let us know who the poc for this review will be.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2014 10:23 AM
To: Shellito, Haley B; NEA-Press-DL
Cc: Daley, John D; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Publication Review: Jus Cogens: International Law and Social Contract

L and NEA Colleagues,

For your review, attached is a 500-pg manuscript entitled "Jus Cogens: International Law and Social Contract" written in private capacity by [redacted] Law Clerk in L/CID. We would appreciate hearing from you by Monday, December 29. Please see [redacted] responses to the standard questions below for additional details.

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NEA, an illustration regarding the Libya crisis starts on pg 449. Please review.

QUESTIONS TO FOR AUTHORS WHO WISH TO HAVE ARTICLES/MANUSCRIPTS PUBLISHED

- Author's name, current job title and office symbol: [redacted]
- Author's Bureau/Office Symbol: L/CID
- Is the author writing in a private or official capacity: Private
- Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her State Department salary for the article? Yes
 - Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? Yes, in the final introduction I will include the following text: "The views expressed herein are the author's own and not necessarily those of the Department of State or the U.S. Government."
 - Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)? My supervisor, Josh Simmons, has cleared the manuscript. It is currently with John Daley (L/CID Deputy ALA) for clearance. I am submitting to L/PA concurrently given the length.
 - Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication? The manuscript has been accepted for publication by Cambridge University Press (June 2015).
 - Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year? No it does not: this is the dissertation from a PhD program completed before starting work at L.

PA is charged with reviewing documents on subjects of official concern-written by State Department employees in their private capacities. In doing so, we may consult with relevant bureaus.

Under 3 FAM 4170, there are three circumstances in which an employee's personal capacity public communication may be prohibited:

1. If it contains classified information;
2. If it contains information not releasable under FOIA (e.g., protected employee information, law enforcement information, etc.);
3. If it is "highly likely to result in serious adverse consequences to the efficiency or mission of the Department."

If you believe the author's communication meets any of the above criteria, please provide a detailed explanation.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior Reviewer
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From: [redacted]
 To: PA Clearances Mailbox
 Subject: Re: Question re Private Paper Publication
 Date: Thursday, June 05, 2014 2:54:21 PM

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Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 5, 2014, at 2:42 PM, PA Clearances Mailbox <paclearances@state.gov> wrote:

[redacted]

We agree that your piece is not on a matter of official concern and therefore does not require PA review. If the subject matter of this piece changes and/or adds content on a matter of official concern, you will need to go through the review process.

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 Barbara
 Nielsen,
 Senior
 Reviewer

Thank you,
 PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
 Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 10:57 AM
 To: PA Clearances Mailbox; Bryan, Alexander T
 Subject: Re: Question re Private Paper Publication

Hello,

We are not yet at the point where we can say the date, length, or medium of the publication -- I can only say that the topic will be the effects of early voting restrictions in Ohio and Florida on turnout in both states in 2008: Can you tell me now, based on the subject matter and the early draft that I shared before, whether it will need PD clearance, or do we need to wait until the article is complete and is ready to be published?

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: PA Clearances Mailbox <paclearances@state.gov>
 To: [redacted] <[redacted]@state.gov>; PA Clearances Mailbox <paclearances@state.gov>
 Cc: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
 Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2014 6:47 PM
 Subject: RE: Question re Private Paper Publication

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for your e-mail. I do not think it will need PA Clearance, but would like to check with our Legal staff to confirm.

Can you provide the following information and then send back to PA Clearances? Also, would you identify yourself as an FSO/State Department employee? If so, would you use a disclaimer?

Thank you.

PUBLICATION REQUEST FORM (updated 11/29/2011)

Participant's name, title and office symbol:

Date of publication:

Length of publication:

Medium (print, tv, radio, online):

Topic(s):

Media Outlet:

Recommendation:

Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her Department of State salary for the article? Note L/Ethics will need to clear if you will receive remuneration.

Clearances [supervisor, regional bureau (as appropriate), others]:

From: [redacted] (mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 6:08 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Question re Private Paper Publication

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Hello again,

I received a login to process clearances through the PA Clearances Database. What I would like, before submitting any documents there, is your guidance as to whether the paper outlined above constitutes a "matter of official concern" to the Department and needs to be cleared. I believe it does not, and that there is therefore no need to submit this paper to the PA Clearances Database and occupy someone's time clearing a document that has zero relevance to foreign affairs.

If you could get back to me soonest on this question, I would be most grateful!

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 2:55 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Question re Private Paper Publication

Hello,

My name is [redacted] and I am an econ-coned 02 FSO who just completed a one-year master's program at the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) through a Department of State sponsorship for econ officers known as the University Economic Training (UET) program.

The reason I am contacting you is to request your guidance regarding the need to obtain an official clearance for a document I may publish. The document is an econometric study of the effects of early voting restrictions in Florida and Ohio on turnout in the 2012 federal elections. I wrote this paper as a final project in an econometric program evaluation class I took at HKS, and my professor in that class has asked if I would like to publish an extended version of the paper with him.

My initial determination based on the guidelines in 3 FAM 4172 is that since this topic does not constitute a "matter of official concern" to the Department, being focused exclusively on state voting regulations with no foreign relations implications, there is no need to submit it for your review. However, I wanted to check with you to confirm that my understanding on this is correct before I take steps to pursue this any further.

I am attaching the version of this paper that I submitted to the professor. If I go forward with this endeavor, the document is likely to change significantly, as we will seek to incorporate more data and analysis, and perhaps some additional background information – however, the core subject matter (evaluating the impact of early voting restrictions on turnout in Florida and Ohio in 2012), and its seeming lack of relevance to foreign relations, will not change.

Thanks in advance for your assistance. If you could copy my personal e-mail address, copied above, on your reply, I would be most grateful, as I do not often check this account.

Best,

[redacted]

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: Aguzin, Steve
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Pre-Pub Review: Roadmap to Secure Cloud Computing
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2014 4:02:03 PM

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Thank you!

From: Aguzin, Steve [mailto:AguzinSM@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 1:25 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Pre-Pub Review: Roadmap to Secure Cloud Computing

Good afternoon. I have cleared the subject paper in the tasker. Per the instructions below, I only focused on those tracked edits marked ☐

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Steve Aguzin
 Public Affairs Officer



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 Phone: (202) 634-3678

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 8:46 AM
To: Aguzin, Steve
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Pre-Pub Review: Roadmap to Secure Cloud Computing

Steve – As FYI, PA cleared but we are awaiting IRM's clearance before getting back to the editor. Is IRM able to clear sometime today? If not, pls advise when you aim to get back to us. Thanks

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 5:52 PM
To: Aguzin, Steve
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Pre-Pub Review: Roadmap to Secure Cloud Computing

And add'l info from L that would be helpful to IRM during the review: "The reviewers should focus on those tracked edits marked ☐." We determined that this article is of official concern because the Department has a strong interest in cloud computing and may have delved into that

technological area already. That's why IRM needs to review.

L/Ethics already cleared because he contacted them directly, before contacting PA. I was on those emails.

I asked him to confirm that he wouldn't be listed as an editor/employee, and he confirmed that. I know it seems strange that we're still reviewing it anyway, but the concern (as stated in Dana's email) is that someone could find out that he's an editor because we just never know what the publisher/actual drafter will say. This shouldn't be too complicated for the reviewers. If any of them have questions about the process, feel free to refer them to me."

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 5:23 PM
To: Aguzin, Steve
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: FW: Pre-Pub Review: Roadmap to Secure Cloud Computing

Steve - The Database sent you this for a review as well.

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 4:59 PM
To: PA-SCG-DL
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: Pre-Pub Review: Roadmap to Secure Cloud Computing

Lois - We saw your comments; per L they ask reviewers should be looking at the tracked edits only by that editor listed there as "[redacted]"

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 3:05 PM
To: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; PA-SCG-DL
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Pre-Pub Review: Roadmap to Secure Cloud Computing

Ruchi and PA-SCG - The Database sent you this document for clearance just now and the editor (NEA/[redacted]) selected Jan 22 as a due date.

PA-SCG - You received this article for review since you normally clear on short articles for PA. For additional background: L/DP received a few questions from DOS employees who are or wish to serve as editors for outside publications that are focused on matters of official concern. The question was raised on whether PA should be reviewing articles that are edited by DOS employees, even if they would or won't be acknowledged as editors in the publication. Dana concluded that PA should review.

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Cc: Fowler, Valerie C; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: query on Secretary contribution to a German book
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 9:30:18 AM

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Thank you!

From: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani [mailto:Gillrg@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 9:29 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: Fowler, Valerie C; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Re: query on Secretary contribution to a German book

REVIEW AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

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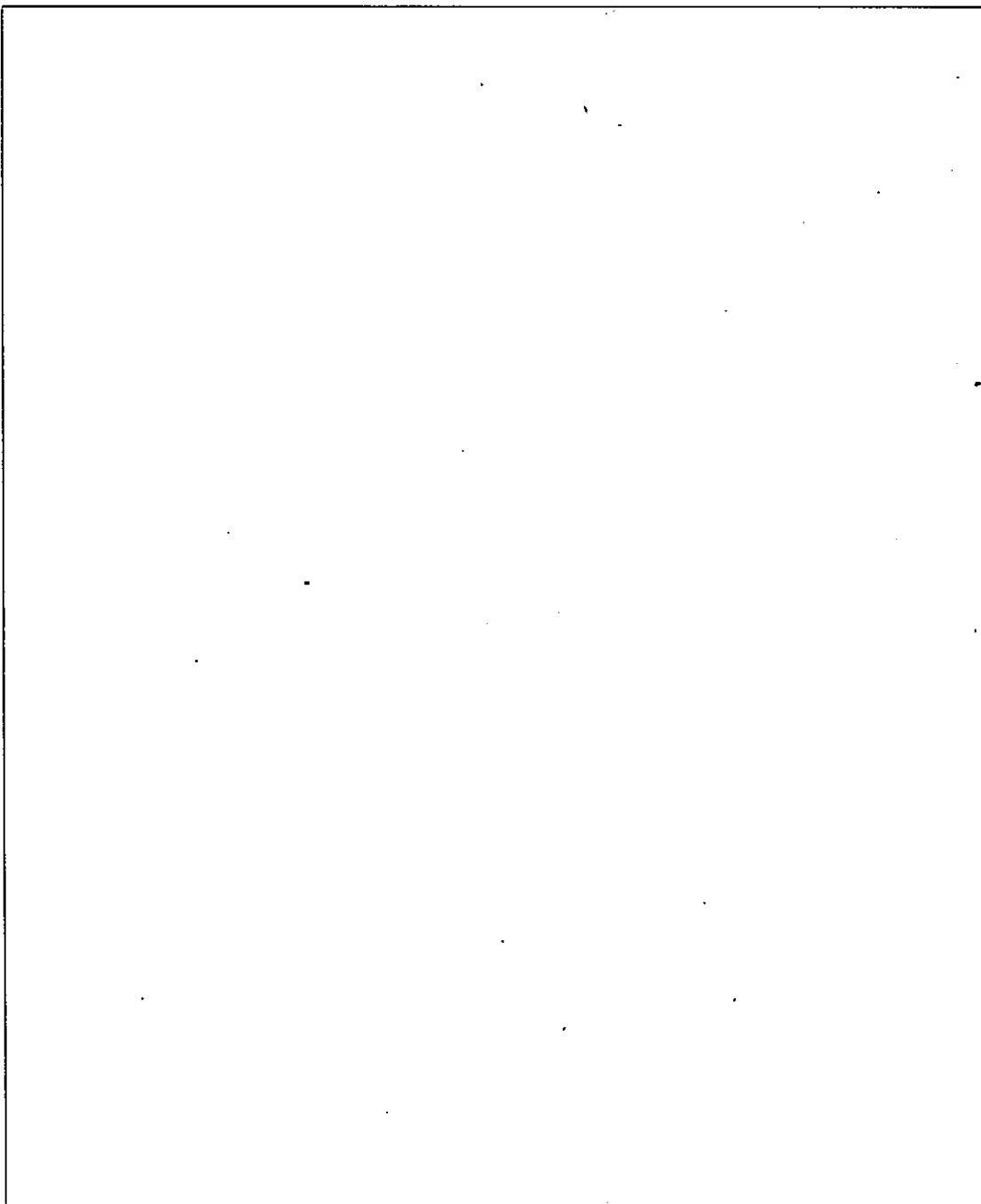
Anyway, thanks for your help!

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:palearances@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 05:38 PM
To: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Cc: Fowler, Valerie C; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Fw: query on Secretary contribution to a German book

Ruchi -

From: Rana, Aroosha Z [mailto:RanaAZ@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 05:30 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; Wolf, Benedict; PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: EUR-WE-Germany-DL; Fowler, Valerie C
Subject: RE: query on Secretary contribution to a German book

Dear Ruchi, PDAS Fowler,



Thanks,

Aroosha

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From: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 3:59 PM
To: Wolf, Benedict; PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: EUR-WE-Germany-DL; Rana, Aroosha Z; Fowler, Valerie C
Subject: RE: query on Secretary contribution to a German book

Hi Benedict,

Thank you for this information. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also looping in PA PDAS Val Fowler.

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Thanks,
Ruchi

Ruchi Gugliani Gill
Attorney-Adviser
Office of the Legal Adviser (L/PD)
U.S. Department of State
(202) 632-6473

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From: Wolf, Benedict
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 4:51 PM
To: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: EUR-WE-Germany-DL; Rana, Aroosha Z
Subject: FW: query on Secretary contribution to a German book

Dear Ruchi,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Regards,

Benedict

J. Benedict Wolf
Senior Germany Desk Officer
Department of State - EUR/WE 5218
202-647-2448
EUR-WE-Germany-DL@state.gov

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox (mailto:pa_clearances@state.gov)
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 3:43 PM
To: Wolf, Benedict
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: FW: query on Secretary contribution to a German book

Benedict -

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Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani (<mailto:Gillrg@state.gov>)
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 9:32 AM
To: Fowler, Valerie C; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: FW: AW: MSC book project

Hi all -

Thanks,
Ruchi

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From: Nierenberg, Lorie J
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 6:22 PM
To: Youel Page, Kathryn; Wolf, Benedict; Selmon, Megan L; Johnson, Glen D (S); Flanagan, Christopher R
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; EUR-WE-Germany-DL; Haggard, Henry R; Pelzer, Katherine E; Moeller, William E; Crosby, John R; Melville, James D; Imbrie, W. Andrew; Noyes, Julieta Valls; Birdsall, Adriana P; Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Subject: RE: AW: MSC book project

+ Ruchi (L/PD).

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

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From: Youel Page, Kathryn
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 6:12 PM
To: Wolf, Benedict; Selmon, Megan L; Johnson, Glen D (S); Flanagan, Christopher R
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Nierenberg, Lorie J; EUR-WE-Germany-DL; Haggard, Henry R; Pelzer, Katherine E; Moeller, William E; Crosby, John R; Melville, James D; Imbrie, W. Andrew; Noyes, Julieta Valls; Birdsall, Adriana P
Subject: RE: AW: MSC book project

Benedict, [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Regards, Katy

From: Wolf, Benedict
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 11:54 AM
To: Youel Page, Kathryn; Selmon, Megan L; Johnson, Glen D (S); Flanagan, Christopher R
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Nierenberg, Lorie J; EUR-WE-Germany-DL; Haggard, Henry R; Pelzer, Katherine E; Moeller, William E; Crosby, John R; Melville, James D; Imbrie, W. Andrew; Noyes, Julieta Valls; Birdsall, Adriana P
Subject: RE: AW: MSC book project

Hi Katy,

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Regards,
Benedict

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From: Youel Page, Kathryn
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 10:32 AM
To: Selmon, Megan L; Johnson, Glen D (S); Flanagan, Christopher R
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Wolf, Benedict; Nierenberg, Lorie J
Subject: FW: AW: MSC book project

Megan, hello,

Please let me know if anyone would like to discuss. Regards, Katy

Katy Youel Page
Assistant Legal Adviser, L/EFD
U.S. Department of State
202-663-3191

From: Bridgeman, Theresa
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 11:48 AM
To: Visek, Richard C; Legal-PD-DL; Legal-EFD-DL
Subject: FW: AW: MSC book project

Hi Rich, L/PD and L/EFD Colleagues,

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[REDACTED]

Many thanks,
Tess

From: Bridgeman, Theresa
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 11:41 AM
To: Selmon, Megan L; Johnson, Glen D (S); Flanagan, Christopher R
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Wolf, Benedict
Subject: RE: AW: MSC book project

Hi Megan – Yes, we'll look into this right away.

Benedict – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Best,
Tess

From: Selmon, Megan L
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 11:17 AM
To: Johnson, Glen D (S); Flanagan, Christopher R
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Wolf, Benedict; Bridgeman, Theresa
Subject: RE: AW: MSC book project

Got it, thanks Glen. Tess, [REDACTED] Many thanks.
Megan

From: Johnson, Glen D (S)
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 11:02 AM
To: Selmon, Megan L; Flanagan, Christopher R

Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Wolf, Benedict; Bridgeman, Theresa
Subject: RE: AW: MSC book project

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Can you please forward to appropriate person? Sorry for any delay.

From: Selmon, Megan L
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Flanagan, Christopher R; Johnson, Glen D (S)
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Wolf, Benedict; Bridgeman, Theresa
Subject: RE: AW: MSC book project

Thanks Benedict, [Redacted]

From: Flanagan, Christopher R
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 10:56 AM
To: Johnson, Glen D (S)
Cc: S_SpecialAssistants; Wolf, Benedict
Subject: FW: AW: MSC book project

Adding Glen Johnson to this thread

From: Wolf, Benedict
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 10:50 AM
To: S_SpecialAssistants
Cc: EUR-WE-Germany-DL
Subject: Fw: AW: MSC book project

Megan, here is the attachment you asked for earlier. Thanks as always for your help!

Benedict

From: Antje Lein Struck [mailto:lein-struck@...] [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 10:31 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Wolf, Benedict
Subject: AW: AW: MSC book project

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Lieber Herr Wolf,

zunächst einmal gute Besserung an Sie! Ich hoffe, es geht Ihnen bald wieder besser und danke Ihnen umso herzlicher, dass Sie sich in dieser Angelegenheit nochmals verwenden.

Die Autorenvereinbarung für Secretary Kerry ist wie gewünscht nochmals als Anlage beigefügt.

Herzliche Grüße aus München und werden Sie bald wieder gesund!
Ihre

Antje Lein-Struck, M.A

Senior Advisor to the Chairman

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Von: Wolf, Benedict (<mailto:WolfJB@state.gov>)

Gesendet: Freitag, 17. Januar 2014 15:50

An: 'lein-struck' [REDACTED]

Betreff: Re: AW: MSC book project

Liebe Frau Struck,

Können Sie mir bitte nochmal das attachment zuleiten? Ich bin heute krank zu Haus, kann das Zustimmungsfomular aber gerne nochmal weiterleiten

From: Antje Lein Struck (<mailto:lein-struck@state.gov>)

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 02:22 AM Eastern Standard Time

To: Wolf, Benedict; Crosby, John R

Subject: AW: MSC book project

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I hope this email finds you well.

We have realized that we did not yet received the signed author's agreement from Secretary of State Kerry. Could you please let me know the status in this regard?

Many thanks and all the best from Munich

Antje

Antje Lein-Struck, M.A

Senior Advisor to the Chairman

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Von: Antje Lein Struck [<mailto:lein-struck@securityconference.de>]
Gesendet: Freitag, 25. Oktober 2013 09:29
An: 'Wolf, Benedict'; 'Crosby, John R'
Betreff: MSC book project

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Once again, we would like to thank you very much for coordinating Secretary Kerry's contributing to the volume "Towards Mutual Security. 50 Years of the Munich Security Conference".

We are delighted by the support of such an elaborate and high-ranking group of authors. Enclosed, please find a final list of confirmed contributors.

Due to German publishing laws, we will need to establish an author's agreement, primarily to sort out the publishing rights. Attached, please find the agreement signed by Antje Lein-Struck, former Secretary General of the foundation and now Senior Advisor to the conference chairman, as representative of the Munich Security Conference foundation.

We kindly ask you to return a signed PDF by November 9th, either by fax (+49-89-37979 4960) or to the following email account: office@securityconference.de

Should you have any additional, please don't hesitate to contact me.

All the best
Antje

Antje Lein-Struck, M.A.
Senior Advisor to the Chairman

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From: Fogarty, Daniel J
To: PA Clearances Mailbox; NEA-Press; CT_PublicAffairs
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: NEA/CT: Publication Review: Lebanon and the Fire Next Door
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 4:11:13 PM

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 4:03 PM
To: Fogarty, Daniel J; NEA-Press; CT_PublicAffairs
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: NEA/CT: Publication Review: Lebanon and the Fire Next Door

Thanks Dan. We were not aware of this. We will follow up with Ambassador [Redacted] For our records, in case she decides to move forward with this, does NEA and CT clear?

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From: Fogarty, Daniel J [mailto:FogartyDJ@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 4:00 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox; NEA-Press; CT_PublicAffairs
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: NEA/CT: Publication Review: Lebanon and the Fire Next Door

All:

We understand that Ambassador [Redacted] will withdraw this request.

Thanks,
Dan

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 3:54 PM
To: Fogarty, Daniel J; NEA-Press; CT_PublicAffairs
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: NEA/CT: Publication Review: Lebanon and the Fire Next Door

To follow up: Will NEA and CT be able to provide a response by COB today? Thank you.

From: Fogarty, Daniel J [mailto:FogartyDJ@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 4:37 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox; NEA-Press; CT_PublicAffairs

Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: RE: NEA/CT: Publication Review: Lebanon and the Fire Next Door

PA – NEA unfortunately will not be able to meet your deadline of August 15 at 12 pm. We'll aim for some time later tomorrow or early Monday.

Thanks,
Dan

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 4:20 PM

To: NEA-Press; CT_PublicAffairs

Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: NEA/CT: Publication Review: Lebanon and the Fire Next Door

With PRM's edits. Please use this version. Thank you!

From: Zeltakalns, Michael B [mailto:ZeltakalnsMB@state.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 4:01 PM

To: PA Clearances Mailbox

Cc: PRM-Press-DL

Subject: Fw: Publication Review: Lebanon and the Fire Next Door

PA colleagues,

PRM clears with minor edits tracked.

Best,
Michael

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 10:53 AM

To: NEA-Press-DL; PRM-Press-DL; CT_PublicAffairs

Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox

Subject: Publication Review: Lebanon and the Fire Next Door

NEA, PRM and CT Colleagues:

For your review, attached is a 4-p article "Lebanon and the Fire Next Door", written in private capacity by Ambassador [redacted]. We would appreciate hearing from you by **Noon, Friday 8/15**. Please also see attached Ambassador [redacted] responses to the standard questions for

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additional details.

PA is charged with reviewing documents on subjects of official concern written by State Department employees in their private capacities. In doing so, we may consult with relevant bureaus.

Under 3 FAM 4170, there are three circumstances in which an employee's personal capacity public communication may be prohibited:

1. If it contains classified information;
2. If it contains information not releasable under FOIA (e.g., protected employee information, law enforcement information, etc.);
3. If it is "highly likely to result in serious adverse consequences to the efficiency or mission of the Department."

If you believe the author's communication meets any of the above criteria, please provide a detailed explanation.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

From: PA Clearances Mailbox
To: [redacted]; PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; [redacted]
Subject: RE: article by State Dept. fellow on U.S.-German relations
Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 9:24:51 AM

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[redacted]
Thank you for letting us know.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

Sincerely,

PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2014 9:22 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; [redacted]
Subject: RE: article by State Dept. fellow on U.S.-German relations

PA Clearances,

After further consultation, including with Ruchi Gill in L/PD, I have decided not to publish the draft article I wrote on U.S.-German relations. It is clear to me that publication would not serve U.S. government interests, even if I were to publish it in my private capacity. Thank you for your assistance to date. Please consider the draft withdrawn.

I do intend to continue my research on U.S.-German relations during my fellowship year at the Atlantic Council. One of my main goals will be to identify concrete ways to strengthen the U.S.-German relationship. If that work takes the form of a draft article or paper, I will be back in touch.

Regards,

[redacted]

From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 12:31 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Gill, Ruchi Gugliani; PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: article by State Dept. fellow on U.S.-German relations

[redacted]

Thank you. Please let us know what you decide once you have the conversation with L.

Thank you,

PA Clearances

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 12:03 PM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: [redacted]; Gill, Ruchi Gugliani
Subject: RE: article by State Dept. fellow on U.S.-German relations

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PA Clearances,

Thanks again for your message Friday. I have a call in to Ruchi Gill to confirm my understanding of the regulations, but as I mentioned before, I don't see how I can write this article in my private capacity. I think I have to write in my official capacity. With that in mind, I have sent a revised version of the article to the Senior Germany Desk Officer Benedict Wolf for his review. A copy is attached. If I get his clearance, I will let you know.

Regards,

[redacted]

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From: PA Clearances Mailbox [mailto:paclearances@state.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 3:47 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox; [redacted]
Subject: RE: article by State Dept. fellow on U.S.-German relations

[redacted]

First, we need to clarify if you are writing in an official or private capacity. That will determine how this article will be reviewed. Certain policies are in place for those whom write in a private capacity (see 3 FAM 4172 1-3). A copy of the FAM is attached for your review. If you have questions on this, as it relates to the FAM, you may contact L/PD Ruchi Gill. Once we have clarification in which capacity you will move forward with, we will begin the review process.

Thank you,
PA Clearances

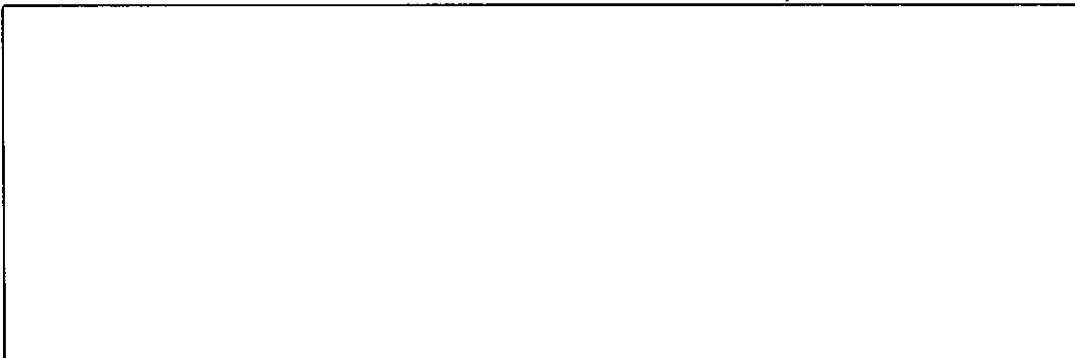
From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@state.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 11:06 AM
To: PA Clearances Mailbox
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: article by State Dept. fellow on U.S.-German relations

PA Clearances,

A copy of my draft article on U.S.-German relations is attached. I have just resubmitted my clearance request from scratch. I hope all of my answers to the bulleted questions below that appeared in the form were registered in the data base. If not, please let me know and I will be happy to provide answers.

In terms of your initial questions, I can check with L if you like, but I don't think it is possible for me to write in my personal capacity about a subject that is the subject of my fellowship as a State Department officer assigned to a think tank. I think I have to write in my official capacity. If I am mistaken, please let me know.

Yesterday, I shared the latest version of the article with the Senior German desk officer, the INR analyst for Germany and three State Department officials I met with in Germany last month (the political minister-counselor in Berlin, the economic counselor in Berlin and the Consul General in Munich).


I haven't heard back from the others yet.

Please advise.

Regards,



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From: PA Clearances Mailbox (<mailto:paclearances@state.gov>)
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 10:37 AM
To: Martin, Williams S
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: getting a document through PA Clearances

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Please provide answers to the questions below and return to us ASAP along with a copy of the article. Since you are writing in an official capacity, do you have a copy of the clearance page? Which regional and or functional offices have reviewed already?

- What is the author's first and last name, current job title and office symbol?
- Is the author writing in his/her private capacity or official capacity?
- Will the author receive remuneration outside of his/her Department of State salary for the article? Note L/Ethics will need to clear if you will receive remuneration.
- Does the author intend to use a disclaimer? If so, how will the disclaimer read?
- Who else has cleared (your supervisor, others within the Department of State)?
- Where does the author intend to submit the article/manuscript for publication?
- Does the paper relate in any way to the author's current duties or duties he/she had over the last year?

Sincerely,

PA Clearances

From: [mailto:@state.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 10:31 AM
To: Posey, Tameka S
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: RE: getting a document through PA Clearances

Tameka,

Thanks. Perhaps because I am working in GO and transitioning between systems or because I am making some mistake, I have not been able to upload the information properly in spite of multiple attempts. Thanks for the contact at PA Clearances. I am writing the article in my official capacity as a State Department Fellow assigned to the Atlantic Council. I was able to open one of the messages from the system but not subsequent ones. I will try again. If I am not successful, I will contact PA Clearances.

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From: Posey, Tameka S
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 10:23 AM

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To: [redacted]
Cc: PA Clearances Mailbox
Subject: Re: getting a document through PA Clearances



If you have questions regarding a clearance request, please be sure to email the PA Clearances Mailbox (listed on cc fysa) directly and one of our team members will respond to your inquiry quickly. Did you write the article in your official or personal capacity? In the system, the request was returned twice as we requested that you submit the request in the system as "Article for newspapers, websites, etc" instead of "Blog". That way you will be prompt to fill out the publication questionnaire form. We're you able to view the message? So to answer your question, we will need the publication questionnaire form filled out through the system before we can process the review for the article. Again, select "Articles for newspapers, magazines, websites etc", fill out the questionnaire, upload the word doc and submit or forward the request to PA.

Thank you,
Tameka

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2014 2:15 PM
To: Posey, Tameka S
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: getting a document through PA Clearances

Tameka,

Do you have what you need from me with the article I submitted? Thanks.

Regards,



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From: Schaming, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 1:56 PM
To: [redacted] Posey, Tameka S
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: getting a document through PA Clearances

Hi [redacted] So good to hear from you and that you're settling in well at Atlantic Council. I'm looping

in our database lead Tameka Posey who can assist with your request. Sorry to hear you're having troubles with the database. I think you need a nice long rest in the Tree Mahal this beautiful fall weekend to set your mind at ease! ☺ Take care and best – J.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 1:48 PM
To: Schaming, Jennifer
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: getting a document through PA Clearances

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Jennifer,

I hope you are doing well. I miss the QDDR office but am enjoying my time as a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council. Could I ask a favor?

I have written a draft blog post that the Atlantic Council would like to publish that I need to clear through PA Clearances. I have obtained an account with PA and have submitted it. It has bounced back more than once and I am frankly not sure why it keeps coming back, so I resubmitted it from scratch. It still is not clear it has gone through. Is there someone I can speak to about the process? I have access to State email through GO, but I as you would expect, I am usually on the Atlantic Council system. A copy of the article is attached. Thanks.

Regards,



Atlantic Council

[REDACTED] US State Department Senior Fellow, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security

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